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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (AMENDED – CLEAN CLAIM). A method of thawing frozen food in a microwave oven comprising a microwave source, an oven cavity, and a control unit, the weight of the foodstuff being in a range from a lower weight, which is 0.1-0.2 kg, to a limit weight, which is 0.4-0.6 kg, which method comprises the steps of

providing the control unit with an input signal containing information about the weight of the foodstuff, for controlling the thawing;

the control unit causing the microwave source to feed microwaves having an average power of more than 400 W, preferably more than 600 W, and advantageously more than 800 W, into the oven cavity during a first time interval during which the total microwave energy supplied